

## **Amendment to the Claims**

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 13 as shown in the following listing of claims.  
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the  
5 application.

1 1. (currently amended) A method for activating a desired communication  
2 mode of an ID communication partner device from a group of possible  
3 communication modes, which group comprises at least a first mode and a second  
4 mode,  
5 wherein the ID communication partner device and at least one other ID  
6 communication partner device are brought into a communication connection and  
7 wherein a carrier signal is output by the at least one other ID  
8 communication partner device, which carrier signal is received by the ID  
9 communication partner device, and  
10 wherein the carrier signal is repeatedly designated by at least one mode  
11 activation signal by the at least one other ID communication partner device, and  
12 wherein the absence or the presence of the mode activation signal is  
13 recognized by the ID communication partner device, giving a recognition result  
14 signal, and  
15 wherein, as a function of the recognition result signal, the desired  
16 communication mode of the ID communication partner device is activated, the ID  
17 communication partner device being always activated to the same mode selected  
18 from one of a Reader Talks First (RTF) mode and a Tag Talks First (TTF) mode  
19 when the recognition result signal indicates the absence of the mode activation  
20 signal, the ID communication partner device being always activated to the other  
21 mode of the RTF mode and the TTF mode when the recognition result signal  
22 indicates the presence of the mode activation signal, the ID communication  
23 partner device being configured to operate in the RTF mode and the TTF mode.

1 2. (canceled).

1 3. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at  
2 least one mode activation signal is formed by at least one sinusoidal signal and the  
3 carrier signal is designated by a modulation using the at least one sinusoidal  
4 signal.

1 4. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the mode  
2 activation signal is recognized by correlation.

1 5. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the mode  
2 activation signal is recognized by filtering out the sinusoidal signal.

1 6. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  
2 carrier signal is designated only at predefined time intervals.

1 7. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a  
2 recognition of a communication status is carried out and wherein the repeated  
3 designation of the carrier signal by the mode activation signal is carried out as a  
4 function of the communication status.

1 8. (currently amended) An integrated circuit for an ID communication  
2 partner device designed as a communication station, which integrated circuit  
3 comprises the following means:  
4 output means for outputting a carrier signal, which carrier signal can be  
5 received by another ID communication partner device,  
6 generation means for generating at least one mode activation signal, and  
7 designation means for repeatedly designating the carrier signal with the at  
8 least one mode activation signal such that the at least one mode activation signal is  
9 selectively present, the at least one mode activation signal being configured to be  
10 recognized by the another ID communication partner device to always activate the  
11 same mode selected from one of a Reader Talks First (RTF) mode and a Tag  
12 Talks First (TTF) mode when the presence of the at least one mode activation  
13 signal is recognized, the another ID communication partner being further  
14 configured to always activate the other mode of the RTF mode and the TTF mode

15 when the absence of the at least one mode activation signal is recognized, the  
16 another ID communication partner device being configured to operate in the RTF  
17 mode and the TTF mode.

1 9. (previously presented) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 8,  
2 wherein the generation means are designed to form the at least one mode  
3 activation signal using at least one sinusoidal signal, and  
4 wherein the designation means are designed to designate the carrier signal  
5 with the at least one sinusoidal signal using modulation.

1 10. (previously presented) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 8,  
2 wherein the designation means are designed to designate the carrier signal only at  
3 predefined time intervals.

1 11. (previously presented) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 8,  
2 wherein communication status recognition means are also provided, by  
3 means of which a communication status of the ID communication partner device  
4 can be recognized, and  
5 wherein the designation means are designed to repeatedly designate the  
6 carrier signal by the mode activation signal as a function of the communication  
7 status.

1 12. (previously presented) An ID communication partner device, which is  
2 designed as a communication station and which is provided with an integrated  
3 circuit as claimed in claim 8.

1 13. (currently amended) An integrated circuit for an ID communication  
2 partner device designed as a data carrier, which integrated circuit comprises the  
3 following means:  
4 activation means for activating a desired communication mode of the ID  
5 communication partner device from a group of possible communication modes,  
6 the desired communication mode being either a Reader Talks First (RTF) mode or

a Tag Talks First (TTF) mode, the activation means being configured to switch between the RTF mode and the TTF mode,

storage means for storing mode control data of the group of possible communication modes, which group comprises at least a first mode and a second mode,

reception means for receiving a carrier signal that is output by another ID communication partner device and is designated with a mode activation signal, and

recognition means for recognizing the absence or the presence of the at least one mode activation signal, by means of which recognition means a recognition result signal can be generated, as a function of which recognition result signal the activation of the desired communication mode of the ID communication partner device can be activated by the activation means,

wherein the activation means is configured to always activate the ID communication partner device to the same mode selected from one of the RTF mode and the TTF mode when the recognition result signal indicates the absence of the at least one mode activation signal, the activation means being further configured to always activate the ID communication partner device to the other mode of the RTF mode and the TTF mode when the recognition result signal indicates the presence of the at least one mode activation signal.

14. (previously presented) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 13, wherein the recognition means are designed to carry out the recognition of the presence of the at least one mode activation signal by a demodulation using correlation.

15. (previously presented) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 13, wherein the recognition means are designed to recognize the presence of the at least one mode activation signal by filtering out this signal.

16. (previously presented) An ID communication partner device, which is designed as a data carrier and which is provided with an integrated circuit as claimed in claim 13